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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/2007

SPONSOR Nunez LAST UPDATED _____ HB 58

SHORT TITLE NMSU Alliance for Underserved Students SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 30, except for title.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 58 appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY08 to pay for recruitment and retention efforts of the Alliance for Underrepresented Students

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Alliance for Underrepresented Students (AUS) is a public service project of NMSU that has been supported by annual funding under the General Appropriations Act for the past ten years.

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The university submits funding requests annually for this and other initiatives that are considered to be Research and Public Service Projects (RPSP).

The goal of the project is to increase the number of Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) awarded to underrepresented minorities and students with disabilities.

The AUS project has two programs:

1. The statewide Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP)
2. The Regional Alliance for Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology for Students with Disabilities (RASEM).

According to HED, this \$250,000 request duplicates the FY08 base and expansion request that NMSU had previously submitted to HED. NMSU requested a total budget of \$643,600 for the AUS project, including a base request of \$393,600 and a \$250,000 base expansion request.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 58 (NMSU Alliance for Underserved Students) duplicates Senate Bill 30 (NMSU Underrepresented Student Alliance), except for the title.

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